

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Elmer Hoehn on his remarkable career in public service.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring Elmer Hoehn on his remarkable career in public service.

Whereas, Elmer Hoehn, a resident of Clark County, Indiana, has had an enduring, remarkable career as an educator, lawyer, businessman, farmer, and statesman;

Whereas, After earning an MBA from Northwestern University in 1937, Hoehn went on to the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, earning a Juris Doctor in 1940;

Whereas, Hoehn worked as a teacher for Jeffersonville High School from 1936 to 1942, and at Indiana University Southeast from 1941 to 1942;

Whereas, During World War II, Hoehn worked for Jeffboat, the largest inland shipbuilder in the United States, located in Jeffersonville, Indiana;

Whereas, Hoehn was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1945 by the voters in Clark County. In



1947, Hoehn was elected as Principal Clerk of the House by House Members;

Whereas, Governor Schricker appointed Hoehn Director of the Indiana Natural Resources Division of Oil and Gas from 1949 to 1952. Hoehn worked as an advocate for conservation and waste prevention, and enacted state regulations for the finding, producing, and storage of crude oil. Governor Schricker also appointed Hoehn to serve as the Indiana Delegate to the Ohio Valley Anti-Pollution Compact in 1950;

Whereas, Hoehn served as the chairman for the Clark County Democratic Party from 1945 to 1952, and then as chairman for the 8th Congressional District from 1952 to 1958;

Whereas, Hoehn supported Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) in both 1960 and 1964. In 1964, he served as LBJ's Midwest campaign manager, contributing to LBJ's landslide victory, including winning Indiana;

Whereas, In 1965, Hoehn was appointed by President Johnson to serve as the Federal Oil Import Administrator. This position was crucial to the President as Hoehn served as the stand in for the President regarding regulatory issues affecting the public, Congress, and the oil and gas industry;

Whereas, As the Federal Oil Import Administrator, Hoehn dealt with a variety of national security issues during his tenure. Most notable was the vital role Hoehn played during the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, also called the Six Day War. Egypt had blocked the Suez Canal, an action that denied Britain and France crude oil, at the time their only source of supply. Hoehn worked with the Department of Defense and the State Department to divert ships and barges to Britain and France, restoring the storage supply of those



nations in just 12 days. President Johnson complimented the action;

Whereas, Beyond his public service, Hoehn worked as an attorney. After his time as a state representative, he represented the Indiana Landowners and Oil Producers in Evansville. Following his service to President Johnson, he stayed in Washington D.C., working with oil companies as a private practice attorney;

Whereas, Hoehn returned to public service in 1994 when he was appointed to be a commissioner on the Ohio River Greenway Commission, representing Clark County until 2008;

Whereas, Hoehn was appointed by the Clark County Commissioners to serve as chairman on the Clark County Redevelopment Commission in 1996. In 1997, the Clark County Commissioners appointed him as chairman of the Charlestown Ammunition INAAP Reuse Authority;

Whereas, Hoehn was the benefactor for the Clark Memorial Hospital Foundation's construction of the Interfaith Centre, and is the benefactor for the General Rogers Clark homestead cabin;

Whereas, Hoehn was awarded the Chancellors Medallion Award by Indiana University Southeast in 2003. In addition, the mayor of Soufflenheim, France awarded Hoehn the Citoyen Houneur award;

Whereas, Hoehn spent 67 years with his late wife, Frances Cory, who passed away in June 2010. Hoehn has two children, Kathleen Gilmore and Patrick Hoehn; two grandsons, Cory and Kyle; one great granddaughter, Zoe; and one great grandson Jackson; and



Whereas, At 95, Elmer Hoehn is the oldest living former member of the Indiana House of Representatives. His enduring and remarkable career are an inspiration to all Hoosiers: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate honors Elmer Hoehn on his
2 remarkable career in public service.

3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Elmer Hoehn.

